Assignment: Yokosuka

Current Trends, Concerns and Processes

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- Community Housing
  - new construction by local contractors
  - more accommodating to western needs
- Base Housing
  - restriction on tour extensions allows better management of existing units
  - shorter waiting list

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- Services
  - new construction by Gov’t of Japan
    - fitness center
    - community support facility
    - new hi-rise billeting
    - infrastructure upgrades

- Home-Port Ashore
  - base housing initiative for afloat singles

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- Base Facilities
  - new USO (opens 19 May)
  - renovation of both theaters (late 2008)
  - wireless is widespread
    - mostly free; some fee-based; indoor & outdoor
  - free wired access points
  - cable tv & internet (fee-based) in quarters
  - more than 50 food service outlets
    - new Chili's family restaurant

The biggest trend?

Finding new ways to spoil people.

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- Cars
  - embargos by year
  - restrictions by paygrade
  - availability of parts; gas
  - right-hand vs. left-hand driving
  - parking space required
  - inspection and modification costs

  - storage at gov’t expense is an option

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- Pets
  - ship at owner's expense
  - importation paperwork
  - quarantine (time + cost)
    - limited reimbursement
  - limited rental units off base
  - vet service availability
  - no pets on airport shuttle bus
    - bus desk can assist with alt transport
  - no pets at Navy Lodge
    - Navy Lodge can assist with temp

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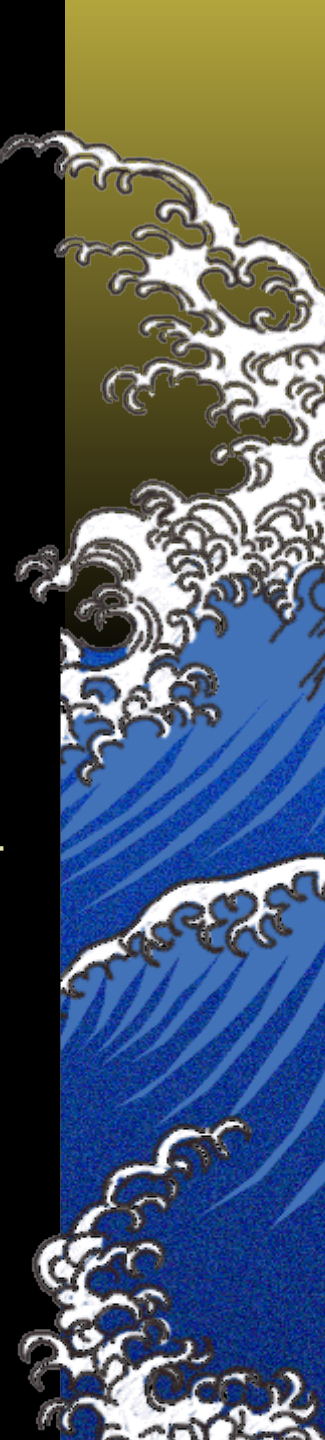
- Lodging on arrival
  - many families have no reservation
  - assumption that NL will have rooms
  - call or e-mail to reserve a room
    - int'l +81-46-816-6708
    - dsn 315-243-6708
    - navylodge-yokosukares@nexweb.org



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- Sponsors
  - we do our best to provide good sponsor training, but we can't make people be good sponsors
  - service members show up and state that they did not have a sponsor – but did they ask for one?
  - how do you do sponsorship when the entire command relocates? (what is the gaining command?)

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- Other
  - fear of the unknown – people will come to your center and cry because they don't want to leave their comfort zone to go to Japan
  - reality check – people will come to your center after returning from Japan and cry because they aren't being spoiled anymore

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- Overseas screening
  - must be done well to avoid pitfalls later
- Base orientation & ICR mandatory
  - prerequisite to getting drivers license
- Culture shock
  - pre-departure training can minimize effects
- Spouse employment

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- Welcome Aboard Packets
  - we still send them; CD-based, but with a selection of local items
- Communication
  - encourage service members to stay in touch with family members at home (worried mommies and daddies)
- Cross-Cultural Understanding

Assignment: Yokosuka Primary Online Resources

Fleet Info
http://www.c7f.navy.mil
Base Info
http://www.cfay.navy.mil
Housing Info
http://housing.cnfj.navy.mil
Pet Import Info

http://www.usarj.army.mil/information/shipment/pets.aspx
Employment Info
http://hro.cnfj.navy.mil
also check the “jobs” link on the Base Info web site
Schools Info

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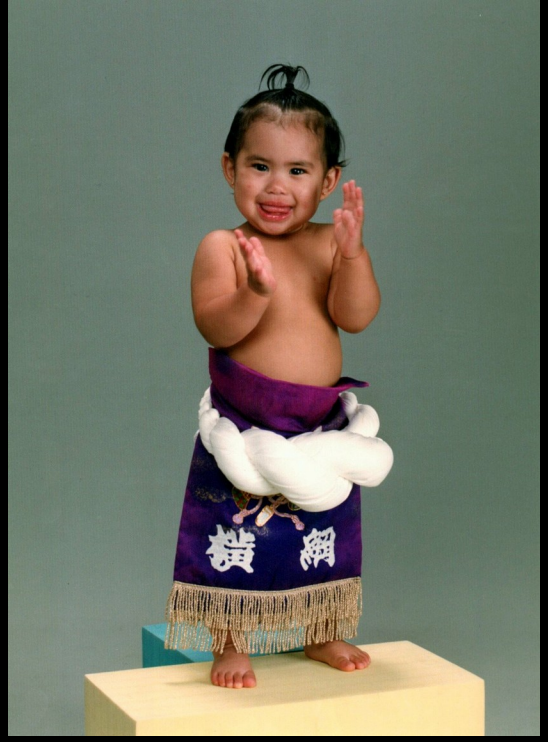
Primary **Offline** Resource

The views don't get much better than this.



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